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25X1 1. [] Talked with Russ Blandford, House Armed Services Committee staff, and William Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, giving them the background of the issuance of the Agency's paper "Soviet Economic Problems Multiply," copies of which were being sent to them. Darden said he had seen the article in the NEW YORK TIMES and that there was some surprise that this information had been made available to the press before it was made available to the Congress. I re-emphasized to him the fact that there was no "press release" in being at the time the NEW YORK TIMES article appeared and that the paper we were sending him had actually been prepared subsequent to the TIMES article. I told Darden that if he should hear further on this, we would appreciate if he would make it clear that we had given the TIMES and others this background information in response to queries because there was no security reason for withholding the information and that the TIMES just happened to attach more significance to the subject.

25X1 2. [] CA Staff, called to say that State Department had consulted him in connection with the forthcoming hearings by Representative Fascell's Subcommittee. He said State had noted that CIA was listed as a witness and extended an invitation for us to sit in on their preparatory sessions. I advised 25X1 [] that the Director had respectfully declined to participate in these hearings although we had offered to brief Fascell personally on any Agency questions he might have. I added that as far as this office was concerned, we saw no need for the Agency to sit in on the State Department session under these circumstances.

25X1 3. [] Talked with Robert Michaels and advised him that the time of ten o'clock on Wednesday, 15 January, was satisfactory with the Director and indicated Mr. McCone had some thoughts on this briefing on which he might contact Mr. Mahon and I would like to keep in touch with Michaels to work out further details.

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25X1 4. [] Talked with Congressman Bob Wilson to advise him that we were looking into the matter which he brought to our attention on 7 January and that we were very grateful for the information. I indicated we were going to press hard on this and had plans to seek further information from the doctor who contacted Wilson. I indicated we would advise him further on this.

25X1 5. [] Boyd Crawford, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, called asking for copies of the report which he thought the Agency had made public based on the NEW YORK TIMES article of yesterday. I gave him the background on this saying there was no such report but in the meantime because of interest in the matter we had prepared a piece on this. Crawford requested several copies and we forwarded six to him this afternoon.

25X1 6. [] In company with [] of Security discussed in some detail with General Roderick of the L&L shop of OSD methods of tightening security procedures in connection with contract reporters at congressional hearings. The Security Offices of DOD and CIA will visit the Ward and Paul offices as a first step and General Roderick and I will discuss improved security procedures with the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee. This is a continuing task and will cover other committees and other contract reporters.

25X1 7. [] Mr. Robert Hunter in Senator Russell Long's office (La.) called in connection with an applicant, one [] 25X1
25X1 Hunter indicated [] had taken Agency tests and just happened to be in the Washington area and was concerned about eventual employment and possibly even a temporary job. I took [] telephone number 25X1 and said we would be in touch with her to see what could be done.

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8. [] Met with Mr. Robert Lockrie, Jr., Administrative Assistant to Representative Paul G. Rogers (D., Fla.), concerning the Congressman's letter of 7 January 1964 to the DCI. The letter enclosed a copy of a telegram from the Hollywood Sun Tattler (Fla.) requesting information concerning a former U. S. Navy Patrol craft operating from Port Everglades under charter to South Lake Cay Company. I advised Mr. Lockrie that the Agency was unable to comment on the request and preferred not to respond in writing. Mr. Lockrie indicated that he understood that they had followed up with the letter somewhat by the insistence of the newspaper. No written response will be expected by the Congressman.

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9. [] Hand carried to Mr. William Barnaby, House Government Information Subcommittee Staff, informal response to the Committee's request for qualifications of Central Intelligence Agency polygraph operators. (See Journal item of 8 January.)

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